

Senator Latimer, chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: The joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller and Treasurer each to employ two additional clerks, was presented to the Executive for approval at 11:30 o'clock A. M. this day.

H. R. LATIMER, Chairman.

Senator Swift, chairman of the Committee on Claims and Accounts, submitted the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the memorial of Julius Quast, asking payment of a pay certificate, have duly considered the evidence presented in the same, and have instructed me to report the memorial back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be received and the prayer of the memorialist be granted.

W. H. SWIFT, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the memorial was re-committed.

Senate bill No. 51, "An act for the relief of sureties upon official bonds," together with substitute, was read.

Senator Franks moved to amend by striking out the words "not less than ten days previous to the filing of said application." The amendment was adopted.

Senator Henry moved to amend by striking out the words "from the date of the filing of written application therefor," and insert in lieu thereof "from the date of approval of a new bond."

Pending the consideration of Senator Henry's amendment, on motion of Senator Flanagan, the Senate adjourned.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 17, 1873.)

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Journal of Saturday read, and on motion of Senator Sayers, corrected to read as follows:

After "Austin" in section eight, line six, strike out all down to the word "provided" in line fifteen.

Senator Tracy presented a petition for the relief of P. Jenks Maham. Read and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Ruby presented the memorial of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce. Read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Senator Sayers, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills, viz.:

Senate bill No. 79, "An act to provide for the ascertainment and payment of the liabilities of the county of Washington."

Senate bill No. 75, "An act to authorize the County Court of Washington county to issue bonds for the purpose of funding the indebtedness of said county, contracted for the building of a jail, and to provide for their payment."

And find them correctly engrossed.

J. D. SAYERS, Chairman.

Senator Dohoney submitted the following majority report of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: The undersigned, a majority of your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, having had under consideration Senate joint resolution No. 9, ratifying an amendment to section (6) six, of article (10) ten, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, passed May 17, 1871; and it appearing that a large majority of the qualified electors of the State, voting on the aforesaid proposed Constitutional amendment, at the general election for Representatives held on the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth days of November, 1872, voted in favor of said Constitutional amendment, the majority of your committee feel that the Legislature is virtually instructed to ratify said Constitutional amendment.

We therefore respectfully report Senate joint resolution No. 9 back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

E. L. DOHONEY,
JNO. L. HENRY,
A. J. FOUNTAIN,
T. J. WORD,
THOS. H. BAKER,

Senator Gaines introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Giddings, in Washington county." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Shelley introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to supply the records of Lampasas county, destroyed by fire." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senator Baker introduced a bill to be entitled "An act to encourage stock raising, and for the protection of stock raisers." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

Senator Ruby introduced a joint resolution instructing and requesting our Congressional delegation to urge upon Congress the survey and construction of a ship canal across the peninsular of Florida. Read first time.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed the following House bills, to-wit:

No. 132, "An act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the employment of private clerks for the judges of the Supreme Court, approved April 5, 1871."

No. 202, "An act for the relief of Wm. J. Russell."

No. 161, "An act to abolish the offices of supervisors and inspectors of public schools."

No. 233, "An act regulating elections."

On motion of Senator Franks, Senate bill No. 51, "An act for the relief of sureties upon official bonds," the same being the pending subject when the Senate adjourned on Saturday, was taken up and recommitted.

On motion of Senator Fountain, House bill No. 233, "An act regulating elections," was taken up, read first time, one hundred copies of the bill ordered printed, and made special order for 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

On motion of Senator Ruby, the rules were suspended and Senate joint resolution No. 17, instructing and requesting our Congressional delegation to urge upon Congress the survey and construction of a ship canal across the peninsula of Florida, was taken up, read first time; rules suspended, read second time; rules further suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the rules were suspended and House bill No. 64, "An act in aid of the financial condition of Cameron county," was taken up, read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Senate bill No. 12, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for appeals from interlocutory judgments in the district courts of the State, approved November 1, 1871," was read third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 89, "An act to incorporate the G. M. Johnson Lodge, No. 97, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," was read second time and ordered engrossed; rules suspended, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Baker, Dillard, Dohoney, Ford, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Henry, King, Latimer, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Sayers, Shelley, Swift, Tracy, Word and Mr. President—23.

On motion of Senator Fountain, Senator Hall was granted leave of absence for twenty days from the twenty-second instant.

The petition for the relief of L. E. Griffith, together with the report of the Committee on Private Land Claims, was read, and the petition recommitted.

Senate bill No. 54, "An act to incorporate the Hibernian and Mutual Aid Association of Austin, Texas," was read second time.

Senator Shelley offered the following amendment, which was adopted: Amend section two by adding, "not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of this State."

The rules were suspended and the bill as amended passed by the following two-thirds vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Baker, Cole, Dillard, Ford, Finlay, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Henry, King, Latimer, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Shelley, Swift, Word and Mr. President—21.

Senator Cole, chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims, submitted the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 48, entitled "An act authorizing the patenting of a certain bounty warrant therein named," having had the same under consideration, instruct me to report it back to the Senate and recommend that it do pass.

D. W. COLE, Chairman.

Senate bill No. 62, "An act to incorporate the Tyler Real Estate and Building Association," was read second

time and ordered engrossed; rule suspended, read third time and passed by the following two-thirds vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Baker, Dillard, Dohoney, Finlay, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Henry, King, Latimer, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Shelley, Swift, Word and Mr. President—21.

Senator Finlay in the chair.

Senate bill No. 82, "An act for the relief of John S. Meniffee," was read second time; the rules suspended, read third time and passed by the following two-thirds vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Baker, Ball, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Ford, Finlay, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Henry, King, Latimer, Pyle, Pickett, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Sayers, Shelley, Swift, Word and Mr. President—24.

Senate bill No. 74, "An act to incorporate the city of Lampasas, in the county of Lampasas," together with the report of the Committee on State Affairs, recommending amendments, taken up.

On motion of Senator Shelley, the amendments were considered *seriatim*. Nos. 1 and 2 adopted.

Senator Saylor offered the following substitute for the third amendment offered by the committee:

Section nine, fifth line, after the word "election," insert "and who is a registered voter within the limits of the corporation."

Adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. Rules suspended, read third time and passed.

Senator Fountain presented the memorial of Bethel Coopwood and G. W. M. Duck, for the relief of Judge J. J. Thornton. Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

On motion of Senator Flanagan the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 18, 1873. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Creath.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.